(c) and (d) Not found feasible at present due to operational constraints.

Vayudoot service in Gujarat

2353. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot service would start operating at stipulated stations in Gujarat, if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(b) what are the terms and conditions for chartering Vayudoot flights for official and non-official agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Vayudoot is at present operating 7 stations in the State of Gujarat namely—Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Kandla, Porbandar, Keshod Surat and Rajkot. Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, plans are a foot to airlink Dwarka during the 7th Plan period.

(b) The terms and conditions for Vayudoot charters are as follows:—

1. Chartering is subject to availability of aircraft.

2. Route/flying time will be determined on the shortest possible route specified by Director General of Civil Aviation.

3. In case of one way travel, to and fro charges from the point of origin would be payable.

4. The total payload available would be subject to routing and technical halts.

5. Vayudoot will operate to approved airports of National Airports Authority/Directorate General of Civil Aviation only.

6. The total cost of chartering of aircraft would be payable in advance.

Rail link to backward and tribal area of Madhya Pradesh

2354. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the backward and tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh are not linked with rail lines; and

(b) whether Government propose to link these areas with rail lines for their faster development, if so, what are the details thereof

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The existing rail lines in Madhya Pradesh serve some of the backward and tribal areas through which they pass. Besides the following new lines projects are under progress in Madhya Pradesh. These will also link up with more of such areas:

1. Guna-Etawah (348 Km)

2. Satna-Rewa (50 Km)

3. Kota-Chittaurgarh-Nimach BG line (222 Km of which 16 Km is in Madhya Pradesh).

Archaeological Survey of Madhya Pradesh State

2355. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any survey of Archaeological sights, ancient monuments and architecture of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of the sights, monuments and architecture being preserved by Government;

(c) whether Government have taken ovr the control of all important sights,